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LETTER REQUESTING ENTRY OF EARLIER AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 2, 2004

Sir:

On March 1, 2004, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed in the matter of the present application under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114.

In the transmittal for said RCE, it was specifically requested that a Reply under Rule 1.111, attached thereto, be entered into the file. However, there was no indication that the prior amendment filed on December 30, 2003, be entered. This was an error.

Specifically, as indicated in the reply filed on March 1, 2004 under 37 CFR § 1.111, at page 9 thereof, lines 1-3, it is specifically indicated as follows:

"Upon entry of the present amendment, as well as the prior amendment filed on December 30, 2003, claims 1-2, 4-15 and 17-20 will remain pending in the above-identified application." (emphasis added)

Accordingly, based upon the above statement in the remarks section of the March 1, 2004 amendment, it is clear that Applicants intended to also request entry of the earlier filed December 30, 2003 amendment. It was simply through error without deceptive intent that the transmittal for the RCE did not properly indicate a request for entry of the earlier amendment.

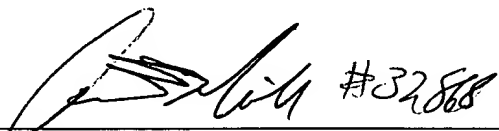
Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the prior amendment of December 30, 2003, as well as the amendment filed on March 1, 2004 in the matter of this application.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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